

## Daily Walk With God

### Week 42

#### Week 42 Day 1

**Readings:** John 4:39-45; Hebrews 9:1-10; Psalm 93; Proverbs 23:1-5; Daniel 7-8.

**Focus Verse:** "Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away like an eagle toward heaven." (Proverbs 23:5)

**Key Concept:** "We Have Heard for Ourselves" (John 4:39-45). Many of the Samaritans believed in Jesus, and the basis of their faith is expressed in interesting terms. The words of the woman who had met Jesus at the well led them to hear Jesus. They believed because they heard Him for themselves.

True faith is not a "hand-me-down." We must listen to the word of God to reach our own conclusions about Jesus. Godly parents may point us to Jesus. That is good and right, but our faith must be more than an extension of family tradition. The Bible never speaks of God's grandchildren. We must come to know Him for ourselves as His sons and daughters.

**Action:** Study the Bible. Learn of God for yourself.

#### Week 42 Day 2

**Readings:** John 4:46-54; Hebrews 9:11-22; Psalm 94:1-11; Proverbs 23:6-12; Daniel 9-10.

**Focus Verse:** "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Hebrews 9:14)

**Key Concept:** Powerful Words (John 4:46-54). We often hear that "talk is cheap." The words of Jesus, however, carry great value and power. He spoke, and the noble-man's son was healed. On other occasions, He spoke, and sin was forgiven. He spoke, and the world was created. When He speaks to us in Scripture, can we afford not to listen?

**Action:** Listen to the authoritative voice of Jesus.

#### Week 42 Day 3

**Readings:** John 5:1-15; Hebrews 9:23-28; Psalm 94:12-23; Proverbs 23:13-18; Daniel 11-12.

**Focus Verse:** "So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation." (Hebrews 9:28)

**Key Concept:** Copies of the Heavenly Things (Hebrews 9:23-28). The furnishings of the Old Testament tabernacle were copies of things in heaven. The mercy seat with its cherubim represented the throne of God and His cherubim (cf. Ezekiel 1; 10). The incense represented prayers offered to God (cf. Revelation 5:8). Today, the church is the temple of God (1 Corinthians 3:16, 17). When others see us, they should be catching a glimpse of heaven!

**Action:** Offer the "incense" of your prayers to God.

## **Week 42 Day 4**

**Readings:** John 5:16-23; Hebrews 10:1-10; Psalm 95; Proverbs 23:19-23; Hosea 1-3.

**Focus Verse:** "By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." (Hebrews 10:10)

**Key Concept:** "Making Himself Equal With God" (John 5:17-23). On several occasions the Jews accused Jesus of blasphemy. His reference to God as His Father was clearly understood as a claim of Deity. Instead of denying their conclusion, Jesus added fuel to the fire by restating His claim several times, concluding that "He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him." Jesus claimed to be God!

**Action:** Honor the Father and His Son.

## **Week 42 Day 5**

**Readings:** John 5:24-30; Hebrews 10:11-25; Psalm 96; Proverbs 23:24-28; Hosea 4-6.

**Focus Verse:** "For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings." (Hosea 6:6)

**Key Concept:** Cheap Repentance (Hosea 5:15-6:6). God called for Israel to diligently seek Him, acknowledging the severity of their crimes (5:15). Their response was a half-hearted repentance that said, "We'll straighten up so God will bless us again in a couple of days" (6:1-3). God was not satisfied. He compared their faithfulness to a morning cloud or early dew--quickly vanishing (6:4-5). What did God want? He desired obedience of the heart rather than sacrifices of apology (6:6).

**Action:** Give God your heart. He prefers obedience over apology.

## **Week 42 Day 6**

**Readings:** John 5:31-47; Hebrews 10:26-39; Psalm 97; Proverbs 23:29-35; Hosea 7-9.

**Focus Verse:** "Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward." (Hebrews 10:35)

**Key Concept:** Gray-Haired Israel (Hosea 7:8-10). Israel (Ephraim) was about to be destroyed, but did not realize it. God compares the nation to: (1) An unturned cake--it is actually burning on the underside (like an un-flipped pancake); (2) A man too feeble for battle, but unaware of his weakness; (3) A man whose gray hairs reveal his advancing age, but who doesn't see this sign that death approaches.

**Action:** You know people ignorant of approaching doom. Tell them the truth before it is too late!

## **Week 42 Day 7**

**Readings:** John 6:1-14; Hebrews 11:1-7; Psalm 98; Proverbs 24:1-6; Hosea 10-12.

**Focus Verse:** "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6)

**Key Concept:** "A Rewarder of Those Who Diligently Seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6). Faith is essential for salvation. Other passages emphasize the object of saving faith--Jesus Christ (cf. John 8:24). Hebrews 11 emphasizes the characteristics of saving faith. God rewards those who "diligently seek Him." The examples in this chapter stress the need for active, obedient faith.

**Action:** Diligently seek God.